

Calusa Dog Agility Club

Meeting Minutes

Held on Monday May 3, 2010 at 7:30 PM

Location: Healing Paws-Abilities Training Facility-12140 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers

In Attendance: Bob Gale, Kelly Legarreta, Candy Cohn, Michael O'Connor, Andrea Denton, Lisa Beever, Sunny Lichtenberg, Jennie Curtis, Sandy Shaffer, Cathy Thompson, Darlene Sumner, Joseph J Senich, Charlene Ewen, Regina Austin, Marval Miller, Joy Lowe, Marla Reznitsky, Stephany Sanchez, Candy Lynch

General Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM

Marla read the letter from AKC saying that they have approved the Calusa Dog Agility Club for the holding of Plan A Agility Trials, providing we make minor revisions to our By-Laws! Yay us!

Kelly read the minutes from last month's meeting, Cathy made the motion to approve them, Candy seconded it and they were approved.

President's Report:

- We are also approved with NADAC and CPE to hold trials!
- The name we will use for these organizations is "Calusa Dog of Southwest Florida" because the "Calusa Dog Agility Club" name belongs to AKC.
- The meeting date/day was not changed because the BOD could not meet any other night.
- The airplane hangars suggested as possible venues were investigated, but the FHA prohibits anything not related to aviation from being held there, so the airports are not a trial venue option.
- Michael suggested Davinci Farms, but Marla said she has emailed them several times with no response. She will try to contact them once again.
- We are also straightened out with Jeanie Bates of the Naples Dog Trainers Alliance, and we were invited last minute to attend Bark in the Park. Unfortunately due to the late notice we were not able to attend - But "All's well that ends well"!
- The AKC fined the GFMDC \$600 for holding a "non-sanctioned" fun match at their sanctioned trial. The mistake was putting the GFMDC name on our premium (in explanation of parking & entrance fees vs. fun match run fees). The premium was revised, the problem is fixed, there is no fine and it was a learning experience for all.

Secretary's Report:

Kelly met with Angel of Angel's Creations, the promoter of the Lee County Pet Expo on June 5th at the Lee Civic Center, to go over the agility portion of the event. The CDAC can have a free table for doing a couple of Demos, and running a little fun contest for silly prizes. Kelly spoke with Terri bell of the Dog Obedience Club of Lee County (who will be doing OB demonstrations and training throughout the day as well), and they are graciously willing to share their mats for the demos. It was agreed that the fun contest should not be on the mats; it would be better to have the contest outside. Volunteers will be needed run their dogs during a demo, to be at the table for questions, passing out info, to help the general public play on a baby course outside, and possibly running a DVD presentation of agility trials/runs.

We will have 2 half hour windows inside to do some demo runs (just to show the patrons of the expo what agility is) on some basic equipment (jumps, tires, tunnels, weaves, teeter, baby dogwalk). At a designated time TBD there will be some "play equipment" set up out side for the contest for the general public. This is not a fun match type run- more like an introduction to agility assisted by some club members on leash. We can charge a nominal fee for contest runs, and dogs will have to be pre-registered to participate with waivers signed for dog and handler. Angel said she can set this entirely up on the website, and can even set up a PayPal account for fees.

Treasurer's Report:

The previous balance was \$2239.49, we had deposits totaling \$245, withdrawals in the amount of \$587.64, and the current remaining balance is \$1892.85.

Committee Reports

Membership:

Andrea reported that we are up to 29 members. Marla suggested that instead of membership cards, that members be given one of the agility decals with the CDAC logo on it.

Community Outreach:

Kay is still shooting for fall for an event for the club and she had requested flyers for distribution. Lisa added another page to the website for "Braggs". She can put links up to videos and pictures as well.

Fundraising:

Marval was asked to reassess the leftover items from the previous raffle to use for a workers raffle. We are hoping to come up with approximately 12 items for this raffle.

Fun Match:

Still proceeding forward as of now, and the next fun match committee meeting will be on Wednesday May 12 at 7PM at Sam Seltzers.

Venues:

Trial Locations are continually being investigated. We are looking at the Turner Agriculture Center for our August trial, but the contract needs to be tweaked and re-negotiated. Tents were also suggested as a possibility to research.

Correspondence:

AKC sent us our approval letter pending By-Law revisions.

CPE and NADAC sent us respective letters welcoming us as a club.

Members were emailed about upcoming events such as Rally and OB run thrus, the Pet Fair and Bark in the Park. Marla reiterated that if anyone knows about events to pass along the info and it will be distributed.

New Business:

- Marla created a flyer prototype for review. She used all the agility pictures that were sent to her, and still has room for more, so please send if you have some.
- Car Decals with the CDAC Logo were distributed to members, and Andrea took the rest to give to new members as they join.
- Marla and Sandy will be attending the GFMDC meeting held on Tuesday May 4. Sandy will become the liaison between the two clubs because Marla will be out of town as she is going home back north for a few months.
- Bob as our VP will run the meetings in her absence and Marla will attend via long distance conference calls.
- Darlene was asked to investigate the possibility of making "Q" cookies for qualifying runs at our future trials.
- Andrea was asked to investigate making embroidered "Title Tags" to give to members in recognition of their achievements every quarter.
- As always- there were many wonderful brags! Congrats to all!

- The next meeting's agenda will have a vote of the AKC's requested revisions of our By-laws.

Marla made a motion to adjourn, Lisa seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

Respectfully submitted by,
Kelly Legarreta, Secretary